

He now lives in the full enjoyment of his mental faculties, reading regularly the journal of the day, and learns with satisfaction the fact that our government which was considered at first as an experiment, is fully established, extending the benign blessings of Republican institutions through the whole world.

In consequence of a hard cold, he had been quite unwell for a few days previous to November 2. Fears were entertained that he would not be able to attend the polls. On being asked the day before election whether he intended to go, he replied, 'Our government must be sustained, one vote may turn the scale.'

He was thoroughly American in his love for his country, an exemplary member of a church. In his public devotions, it is believed that he never omitted to pray for the officers of our government, and for the perpetuation of our civil and religious institutions.

During his active life, neither heat nor cold, rain or snow, kept him from the house of worship. He was always in his place at the stated meetings of the church of which he was a member until he was more than one hundred years old. He was equally regular and punctual in all his affairs, having certain hours for labor and rest. Business was never allowed to encroach upon the hours he allotted to private devotions. He had his meals at stated intervals, retiring early to repose and rose early in the morning even to the last.

He moved from Winsted Village, Litchfield County, with his wife, who was Susannah Balcom in 1823 and settled in what was Canaan township, now Clinton, where some of his children had their homes. His descendants were among the earlier residents of Clinton.

"People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestry."

- Edmund Burke